

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church and its leaders, for those who witness to the risen Christ through speech or action, and for all children of God, that all be led to joy in the resurrection, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For stewards of creation, for farmers planting and ranchers tending to livestock, that the bounty of the earth provide for all who hunger or thirst, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who work to keep us safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders; that God's peace and compassion come to us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the distressed, rejected, bereaved, sick, and frightened, that support for them be close at hand, and that all experience the gift of healing, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For this assembly, where the scriptures have been opened in our midst, that with boldness of heart we proclaim the joy we have in our new life in Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the witnesses of the faith who have died and are now at rest, that with them we have hope in the promises of the Author of life, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from First John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}"Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.
¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹of my cause;
 you set me free when I was in distress;
 have mercy on me and ¹hear my prayer.

²**You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹or my glory;
 how long will you love illusions and seek ¹after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹for the faithful;
 the LORD will hear me ¹when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and ¹do not sin;
 speak to your heart in silence up- ¹on your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed ¹sacrifices,
 and put your trust ¹in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹any good?"
 Let the light of your face shine upon ¹us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness ¹in my heart,
 more than when grain and ¹wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie ¹down and sleep;
 for you alone, O LORD, make me ¹rest secure.**

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
 and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
 world without end. ¹Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine.
Abide in me as I abide in you."

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Bread of Life from Heaven"

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: (In unison)**

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.
We give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior.
As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.
Amen.
Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.
Amen.
God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.
Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

***HYMN: "Bread of Life from Heaven"**

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***SENDING**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST IS PRESENT WITH US as we worship today. We are grateful that you are among us. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

Welcome University Students! We gather Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Trinity. There's a free supper, great conversation and informal worship.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. White grape juice is available in the glass chalis. Gluten free bread is available. If you are unable to approach the communion rail, please let one of the ushers know, and we will come to you.

A nursery is provided during worship just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please sign, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Shane & Andrea Toven in celebration of their 11th wedding anniversary.

THE FOUR ACTS OF PRAYER an adult study series continues today at 9:15 a.m. It includes a DVD by pastor and story-teller Walter Wangerin plus Bible Study. We meet in the Dahl Chapel off the Gruver Room.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING... June mission trips! This summer we are hoping to send several of our youth on a mission trip to Seattle. But we need your help! **Today** we will be holding a carnival in the Fellowship Hall with games, food, an auction and bingo! We are looking for people who would be willing to contribute some of their skilled work to this cause. If you would like to donate something to our auction or have any questions, please contact Adam Huck @ 720-324-0520 or ahuck@uwo.edu.

Let us confess our sins,
trusting that God will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection)

Faithful and just God,
**we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We have not loved our sisters and brothers
as you have first loved us.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Let your Holy Spirit work in us
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us
and sent the Son to atone for our sins.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.
Let the perfect love of God cast out fear,
fill you with joy,
and inspire you to live for others.
Amen.

***HYMN: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"**

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***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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Sunday, April 19, 2015 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

*Stand as you are able

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock,
who guides us into all truth.
Amen.

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will be meeting this Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Gruver Room.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Allison Beeston, (April 19); Paul Kunkel, (April 19); Jerry Anderson, (April 20); Nora Wright, (April 20) and Charlie Maddox, (April 23). Happy Birthday!

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the first quarter of 2015 are available on the small table in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up today. Thank you.

HUNGRY COLLEGE STUDENTS need sustenance! Every Wednesday, a simple meal is needed for the 6:00 p.m. gatherings. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gruver Room.

THE DEADLINE for articles for the May newsletter is **tomorrow noon**. Thank you!

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE Trinity's Phone Directory! Please check the current directory, located on the small table in the north lobby area and make any changes if necessary. We will publish a revised directory in the May newsletter. Hurry, the deadline for these changes is **tomorrow, April 20th**.

THE JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH (JHY) will be having a fun-filled day at *All Points West* Laser Tag **this** Saturday, April 25 @ 2:00 p.m. Please come and join us as we car pool from the church. If you have any questions, please contact Adam Huck @ 720-324-0520 or ahuck@uwyo.edu.

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (SHY) will be going bowling **next Sunday**, April 26 @ noon. If you would like to participate, please contact Adam Huck @ 720-324-0520 or ahuck@uwyo.edu. Let him know so that enough lanes can be reserved.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: Feel free to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. Recycle the rest at the ends of the back pew. Thanks

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 4th Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

Serving the Church

TODAY (4/19)

Lector: 8:00 Bobbie Schimek
 10:30 Georgia Mitchell

Acolyte: 8:00 Trey Muhsman
 10:30 Ian Meyer

Ushers: 8:00 Betty Carstens
 Keith Ensley
 10:30 Shirley Heggie
 Mike Smith

Greeters: 8:00 Mari & Mikayla
 Martinez
 10:30 Don Holmstrom
 Mike Smith

Nursery: 8:00 Rosalind Kidwell
 10:30 Rosalind Kidwell

NEXT SUNDAY (4/26)

8:00 Maia Anderson
 10:30 Thom Edgar

8:00 Connor Frick
 10:30 Derk Lyford

8:00 Al & Bobbie Schimek

10:30 Ed & Lois Hiller

8:00 The Jablin Family

10:30 Debbe, Lindsay
 & Lily Conyers

8:00 Hailey Anderson
 10:30 Tracy Kidwell

Stewards: Kris Oolman and Mark Stayton

Altar Guild: Judy Moline

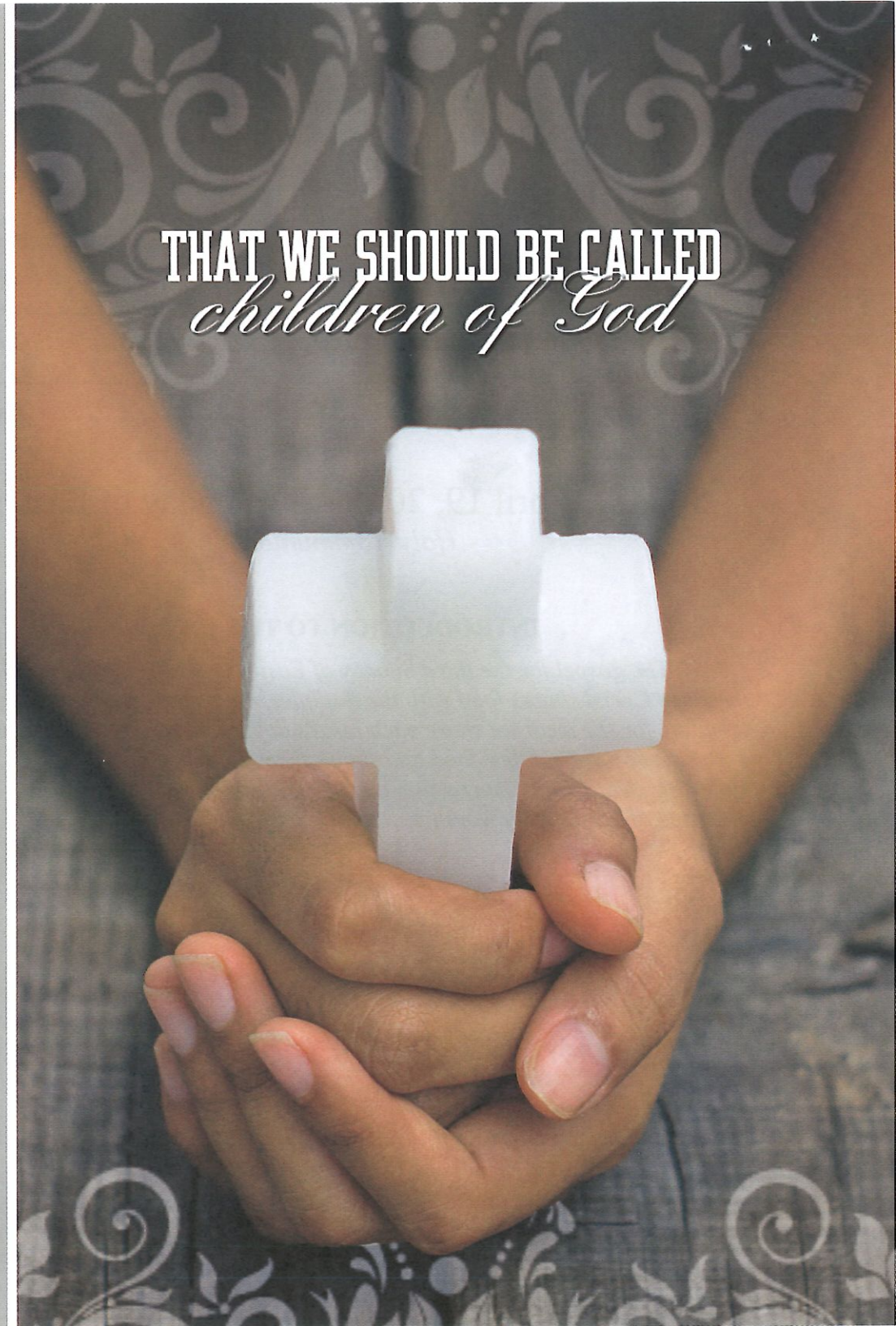
Coffee Fellowship: Iris Brunett

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, April 19 8:00 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Adult Study
 9:15 a.m. SS / Coffee Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship

Weds., April 22 10:00 a.m. Women's Study
 6:00 p.m. College Group Get-Together
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, April 25 2:00 p.m. JHY Laser Tag - *All Points West*



THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED
children of God

